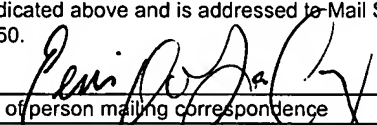


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, kindly amend the application as follows.